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AUSTRALIAN BOOK PUBLISHING 1969

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

In 1969, the National Library of Australia received 3,939 publications published in Australia and the Australian External Territories. This was 509 more than the 3,430 publications received by the Library in 1968.

The publications received in 1969 consisted of 1,905 books (non-periodical publications of at least 49 pages) and 2,034 pamphlets (non-periodical publications of 5 to 48 pages). Books classified as "social sciences" formed the largest group of books (566, including Bills and Acts of Parliament); 291 books were classified as "literature" (mainly Australian fiction), 323 as "technology, business", and 206 as "science". Of the 2,034 pamphlets, the largest number of titles (866) was classified as "social sciences" (also including Acts and Bills of Parliament), and 569 as "technology, business". There were 44 books and 54 pamphlets classified as children's publications; and 244 books and 47 pamphlets as school textbooks.

Government publishers accounted for 35.3% of the 3,939 publications, and trade publishers for 32.5%.

Of the 3,939 publications received in 1969, 2,701 were published in that year, 1,000 in 1968, 225 in 1967, and 13 in 1966.



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statistics about Australian book publishing are prepared from data supplied by the National Library of Australia. Through the operation of the deposit provisions of the Copyright Act 1912-1968, and through its overseas collection agents and its own efforts, the Library receives practically all books and pamphlets published in Australia (including the External Territories), although not necessarily in the year of publication.

2. Publications described as "received" during the year, include those for which cataloguing was completed up to the end of the following February. Receivals by the Library in the years 1965 to 1969, classified according to year of publication, are shown in Table 1; Table 3 refers to receivals from 1967 to 1969, Tables 2 and 4 to receivals in 1969. In so far as the statistics are classified according to the year of publication, the figures are subject to revision as publications come to hand subsequent to the year of publication. Most publications are received within three years of publication.

3. The method of counting conforms to international practice. Each title is counted as one unit. The figures cover all books and pamphlets published in Australia and the External Territories. For purposes of these statistics, a book is a non-periodical publication of at least 49 pages, and a pamphlet is a non-periodical publication of no less than five and not more than 48 pages.

4. The statistics include first editions and re-editions. A first edition is the first publication of an original manuscript or a translation. A re-edition is a publication distinguished from previous editions by changes made in the contents (revised edition) or layout (new edition). Publications unchanged in contents and layout, apart from the correction of typographical errors, are called reprints and are not included in the statistics. A publication by any publisher other than the original publisher is regarded as a re-edition, whether or not changes have been made. Numbers of first editions and re-editions are shown in Tables 3 and 5.

5. The figures include government publications, school textbooks, offprints, illustrated works, and publications which form part of a series, but not periodicals. They exclude publications of a transitory nature (such as advertising matter), programmes of entertainments, etc., regulations of business firms, calendars, musical works, maps and charts, and books and pamphlets not made available to the public. The number of publications in foreign languages, and of children's books and textbooks are given, for 1969 receivals, in Table 4.

6. A classification of books and pamphlets according to whether they are published by government authorities, by trade publishers or by others, is available for publications received in 1969. The statistics appear in Table 2. The National Library of Australia defines trade publishers as organisations, set up predominantly for publishing, whose title output is significant and widely available through the bookselling trade.

7. The classification by subject group in Tables 3, 4 and 5 is based on the divisions of the Dewey Decimal Classification.

**TABLE 1. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED ACCORDING TO  
YEAR OF PUBLICATION, 1965 to 1969**  
(Number of titles)

Received by the Library in	Year of publication					Total
	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	
BOOKS						
1965	n.a.	..	..	..	..	n.a.
1966	n.a.	915	..	..	..	n.a.
1967	40	375	1,191	..	..	1,606
1968	..	32	269	1,415	..	1,716
1969	..	4	79	329	1,493	1,905
<u>Total</u>	n.a.	1,326	1,539	(a)1,744	(a)1,493	..
PAMPHLETS						
1965	n.a.	..	..	..	..	n.a.
1966	n.a.	797	..	..	..	n.a.
1967	86	572	1,148	..	..	1,806
1968	..	53	430	1,231	..	1,714
1969	..	9	146	671	1,208	2,034
<u>Total</u>	n.a.	1,431	1,724	(a)1,902	(a)1,208	..
TOTAL, BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS						
1965	2,039	..	..	..	..	2,784(b)
1966	1,141	1,712	..	..	..	3,026(c)
1967	126	947	2,339	..	..	3,412
1968	..	85	699	2,646	..	3,430
1969	..	13	225	1,000	2,701	3,939
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,306	2,757	3,263	(a)3,646	(a) 2,701	..

- (a) Incomplete in the sense that the figures include only publications received by the end of 1969. See explanatory notes, paragraph 2.  
 (b) Includes 745 books and pamphlets published before 1965.  
 (c) Includes 173 books and pamphlets published in 1964.  
 n.a. Not available.

**TABLE 2. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS  
RECEIVED IN 1969, BY PUBLISHER**  
(Number of titles)

Publisher	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Government	312	1,077	1,389
Trade	1,059	223	1,282
Other	534	734	1,268
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,905	2,034	3,939

TABLE 3. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS  
ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER  
FIRST EDITION, RECEIVED IN 1967 TO 1969  
 (Number of titles)

Subject group	Year of receipt		
	1967	1968	1969
Bibliography, libraries, general	114	111	100
Philosophy, psychology	19	27	41
Religion, theology	103	81	109
Social sciences	1,267	1,327	1,432
Linguistics, philology	58	57	61
Science	334	332	361
Technology, business	635	575	892
Art, amusement	204	203	245
Literature -			
History of literature, literary criticism, anthologies, school editions	33	18	37
Australian literature	286	245	261
Other literature	89	110	65
<u>Total, literature</u>	408	373	363
Geography, travel	98	162	181
History, biography	172	182	154
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,412	3,430	3,939
First editions	n.a.	3,250	3,634
Re-editions	n.a.	180	305
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,412	3,430	3,939

n.a. Not available.



TABLE 5. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : CUMULATIVE TO  
END OF 1969, BY YEAR OF PUBLICATION 1965 TO 1968,  
ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER FIRST EDITION  
 (Number of titles received)

Subject group	Year of publication			
	1965	1966	1967(a)	1968(a)
Bibliography, libraries, general	101	111	111	95
Philosophy, psychology	23	19	15	31
Religion, theology	117	65	87	93
Social sciences	1,233	956	1,314	1,448
Linguistics, philology	45	64	49	55
Science	302	285	305	334
Technology, business	607	483	595	666
Art, amusement	142	174	153	226
Literature -				
History of literature, literary criticism, anthologies, school editions	137	45	18	20
Australian literature	284	236	261	245
Other literature	21	72	95	99
<u>Total, literature</u>	442	353	374	364
Geography, travel	294	108	89	170
History, biography		139	171	164
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,306	2,757	3,263	3,646
First editions	n.a.	2,316	3,007	3,447
Re-editions	n.a.	441	256	199
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,306	2,757	3,263	3,646

(a) Incomplete in the sense that the figures include only publications received by the end of 1969. See explanatory notes, paragraph 2.  
 n.a. Not available.

TABLE 6. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : CUMULATIVE TO  
END OF 1969, BY YEAR OF PUBLICATION 1965 TO 1969, STATE OR  
TERRITORY OF PUBLICATION  
 (Number of titles received)

State or Territory	Year of publication				Publications received and published in 1969(a)		
	1965	1966	1967(a)	1968(a)	Books	Pamphlets	Total
New South Wales	1,263	1,204	1,271	1,296	682	383	1,065
Victoria	710	612	872	1,025	441	278	719
Queensland	286	183	202	281	74	76	150
South Australia	252	163	217	269	118	98	216
Western Australia	168	66	131	215	41	76	117
Tasmania	98	48	53	59	13	20	33
Northern Territory	19	9	8	10	1	10	11
Australian Capital Territory	478	447	465	450	111	237	348
Papua-New Guinea	30	20	36	41	11	30	41
Nauru	2	5	8	..	..	..	..
Norfolk Island	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,306	2,757	3,263	3,646	1,493	1,208	2,701

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TABLE 4. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS  
 CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER  
 CHILDREN'S, SCHOOL, ETC., RECEIVED IN 1969  
 (Number of titles)

Subject group	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Bibliography, libraries, general	47	53	100
Philosophy, psychology	23	18	41
Religion, theology	43	66	109
Social sciences -			
Sociology, statistics	43	116	159
Political science, political economy	174	213	387
Law, public administration, social relief, insurance	141	347	488
Military art and science	7	15	22
Education	144	111	255
Trade, communications, transport	33	56	89
Ethnography, manners and customs, folklore	24	8	32
Linguistics, philology	53	8	61
Science -			
Mathematics	71	22	93
Natural sciences	135	133	268
Technology, business -			
Medical sciences, public health	44	68	112
Technology, industries, trades and crafts	127	250	377
Agriculture, forestry, stock-breeding, hunting, fishing	71	167	238
Domestic science	36	11	47
Commercial and business management techniques	45	73	118
Art, amusement -			
Town planning, architecture, plastic arts, minor arts, photography, music, film, cinema, theatre, radio, television	78	120	198
Entertainment, pastimes, games, sport	39	8	47
Literature -			
History of literature, literary criticism	5	..	5
Anthologies, school editions	25	7	32
Australian literature - poetry	27	14	41
drama	6	1	7
fiction	176	29	205
essays	..	..	..
humour and miscellany	6	2	8
Other literature	46	19	65
Geography, travel	133	48	181
History, biography	103	51	154
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	1,905	2,034	(a)3,939
Children's publications	44	54	98
School textbooks (b)	244	47	291
All other publications	1,617	1,933	3,550
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	1,905	2,034	(a)3,939

(a) Includes 34 publications in languages other than English.

(b) For primary and secondary education. Excludes teachers manuals.